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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EAGR, EAID, SHUM, KS
SUBJECT: PL 480

1. FURTHER ON PL 480 - WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE ISSUE OF WHETHER THE ROKG WILL SIGN THE PL 480 AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REMANDED TO THE PRIME MINISTER. IN A CONVERSATION WITH ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER YOON THIS AFTERNOON, HE INDICATED THAT NOTHING WOULD PROBABLY HAPPEN UNTIL YOUR RETURN. HE SIAD THAT ROKG HOPED THAT YOU WOULD COME BACK WITH A PROPOSAL WHICH COULD BE ACCEPTABLE.

2. YOON SAID THAT THE INITIAL VIEW OF HIS GOVERNMENT WAS THAT THEY COULD NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE GROUP OF SEVEN AS A VIOLATOR OF HUMAN RIGHTS. THIS WAS JUST TOO EMBARRASSING TO THE GOVERNMENT AND, FURTHERMORE, HE SAID, "IT WAS NOT FAIR" TO BE INCLUDED WITH SOME OTHER GOVERNMENTS WHOSE VIOLATIONS, ACCORDING TO STATE DEPARTMENT REPORTS, WERE FAR GREATER THAN THE ROKS. HE SAID THAT THE PRELIMINARY VIEW OF THE ROK WAS THAT, IF WE INSISTED ON INCLUDING THE "BASIC HUMAN NEEDS" CLAUSE EITHER IN THE AGREEMENT OR IN A SIDE LETTER, THEY COULD PROBABLY NOT SIGN THE PL 480 AGREEMENT.
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